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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Beyda, et al.  
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Filed: October 18, 1999  
Title: **APPARATUS AND METHOD  
FOR OPTIMIZING PACKET  
LENGTH IN TOL  
NETWORKS**  
Group Art Unit: 2666  
Examiner: Duong

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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed January 10, 2005, please enter the following Amendment. Also enclosed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time and a Terminal Disclaimer.

**Amendments to the claims begin on the following page.**

**Remarks begin on page 5.**